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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER PROCLAIMS JUNE 2007 “REFUGEE AWARENESS MONTH”

SACRAMENTO – Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed June 2007 as “Refugee Awareness Month” in recognition of the more than one million refugees who have settled in California over the past 30 years after fleeing persecution in their homelands.

“I admire refugees for making great sacrifices to come to this country so they can pursue lives free from oppression, hate and tyranny,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “California is proud to be a leader in its administration of resettlement programs and we are honored to be part of a nation that is seen as a beacon of opportunity and hope for people to pursue their dreams.”

During June, in support of the Governor’s proclamation, the California Department of Social Services’ (CDSS) Refugee Programs Bureau will highlight achievements and essential services available to assist refugees in finding jobs, health care, educational training and other vital services.

“We join the Governor in recognizing the refugee community and their valuable contributions to our Golden State,” said CDSS Director John A. Wagner. “We will continue providing leadership and coordination to successfully assist refugees in building their new lives and becoming self-sufficient.”

The Refugee Programs Bureau administers the federal Refugee Resettlement Program and partners with public, private and community-based organizations at the federal, state and local levels to deliver culturally diverse services and programs, including:

- Refugee Cash Assistance
- Refugee Social Services
- Targeted Assistance
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program
- Refugee School Impact Grant
- Older Refugee Discretionary Grant

For more information about the Refugee Resettlement Program, please visit www.cdss.ca.gov/refugeeprogram. Additional information is available at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr.

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